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Dear Staff,

The tragedy of yesterday's earthquake in Haiti has been felt across the Commonwealth and across our agencies. Many of our colleagues have family and friends in Haiti, and our hearts go out to them. This is a difficult time for so many, and we send our best wishes to everyone affected.

In a statement issued last night, Governor Patrick said, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti at this time of terrible tragedy. We stand strong with the Haitian community here in Massachusetts and will be reaching out over the course of the coming days to offer any assistance we can to them and their families."

In the coming days, we will learn more about ways in which we can provide assistance. I will be in touch with you soon with additional information. In the meantime, if you need support during this difficult time, I encourage you to speak with your manager.

Sincerely,

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